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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high-school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers! When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility!

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high-school curriculum, a night job as a web designer for the Daily Bugle tabloid, a relationship with the beautiful Mary Jane Watson, and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!

PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN...

Peter Parker and Mary Jane have gotten back together, leaving his troubled relationship with Kitty Pryde (of the world-famous X-Men) a shambles. To complicate matters even further, Kitty, who was kicked out of the X-Men, now goes to school with them!

Over the course of his young super-hero career, Spider-Man has had numerous run-ins with a low-rent bad guy who calls himself The Shocker. Each time, Spidey has easily defeated The Shocker and his trademark vibroshock units.

But today it's a different story...

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JEEZ!! What are you?? Ten years old??
I can't believe it.
I really can't believe it!!
CLINK
CLINK
Mmfff...
A kid??!!
FSSSHHSH
CLINK
CLINK
MMYAAGH!!

Tell me your name, *kid!*

You know *my* name. I'm your funny ha ha joke.

You know who I am.

CLINK CLINK

Ow.

TELL ME!!

Tell me who you are!!

Come on, kid!!

Tell me a joke. Tell me how funny I am now.

FSSHSSH

CHING CHING

FSSHSSHHH

MMYYAAGHH!

Two hours ago.

HAHAHA HAHHA!!!

That was *hilarious!!*

Just hold the camera, Parker.

•REC

24min

Okay. Okay.

(No sense of humor.)

Please.

Aaaaand action.

This is Very Jane Matson reporting from Queens--

I did it *again.*

What is *the matter* with me??

Hey!!

What?

Did I laugh when the butt ripped off your costume during the Rhino fight??

Yes.

Well, *that* was funny. This is not.

Please, can we just do this?? I have to have the camera back to school in two hours.

Mary Jane Watson. Mary Jane Watson.

What are we doing again?

Man-on-the-street stuff about the fall of the Kingpin and its long-term effects on the boroughs.

It's my assignment for the Friday video pod.

(Kingpin!)

Okay, "*Very Mane Cratson,*" when you're ready.

Aaaand action.

Hi, this is Mary Jane Cr--

•REC

•REC

PROPERTY OF MIDTOWN HIGH

Watson!! Watson. This is Mary Jane Watson!!

Damn it!!

•REC

Seriously?

Damn it!!

You do have a higher grade point average than me, and yet I know my entire name.

Peter. Then Parker.

Peter. Parker.

•REC

Okay, give it a--

AUTOBODY

BURG HAM

TAKE OUT

HAM

SCCREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

BOOM!!

PRESSURE
GN
Everyone down!!
EVERYONE JUST GET DOWN AND STAY CALM!!
I can't believe it. Here, film this.
Who is that?
It's The Shocker. He's the biggest loser in Loserville.
I have to pound him once a week.
Shoot it. it'll be great for your GPA.

ZZAAZZZXXX
I'm walking out of here!!!
So get out of MY WAY!!!

Glyaaggh!!
Gsshhh!!
ZZAAZZXXX

Now step the %$%^ off!!
Step!! The!! %$%^!! Off!!

Oh, Herman...

Now you're just embarrassing all of us!!

SPOOK

Hey, I get it.

I do.

I wanted to be a drummer in a rock-and-roll band. I did.

But then I tried it and realized I, in fact, sucked at it.

Ha!!

I hate to be the one that tells it to you but I think you might have to take a *looooong look* at yourself in a similar light.

In fact, I want you to repeat after me: "*I truly suck at being a criminal.*

"*My shocking Shockers are not all that shocking.*"

AAAGGHH!!

How'd that feel??

ZZAAZZZXXX

AGGHH!!

How'd that feel??

ZZAAZZZXXX

No...

KRAKOOM

You guys like that?? You think that was funny??

ZZANZZXXX

AGH!!

ZZANZZXXX

Ha ha funny!!

Let's hear the ha ha!!

ZZWZZXXX

JERKS!!

SSRREEEEEEEEE

ELEC

CHING CHING

Do you have any *idea* how much *money* you've cost me?

How much *time* in my life you've wasted?

CHING CHING

And you're just a kid?? *A kid??*

With those stupid *jokes!!*

A kid??

CHING CHING

I'll kill you!!

I will!!

I'll kill a kid. A FREAK kid!!

I'll kill you and- and no one will find you 'til I'm long gone!!

Why did you have to *laugh at me!??!*

What was so funny??

ZZAAZZCHA

AAGH!!

Wasting my life away and it was a kid.

PEOPLE!!
We're looking for witnesses to the actual crime and abduction.
Oh, I saw the whole thing.
Please, we're just trying to--
Do your *own* homework, piggles!
Spider-Man was working *with* the other guy...
What?
I know a scam when I see one. They teamed up to rob the--
You're out of *your* mind!!
Oh, like *you* know.
Oh man oh man...
Hey, Kitty. It's- it's MJ.
MJ Watson?
Uh, why are you calling *me*? You hate me.
There's-- oh, God-- there's been trouble.
There's trouble and I don't know what to do.

Show me.

PLAY

50/50 AVI 04/07 13:45

Wow.

What should I *do??*

If- if I showed the cops the video... with all the stuff on it before the crime, they'd figure out his secret--

Let's call Johnny Storm.

Why?

Because he might have, like, a computer database that tells us who this idiot is and where or how we could track him.

Oh yeah, Johnny.

Calm down.

I can't.

(I should have thought to call Johnny.)

Damn, they're not answering.

But if we go to the cops, it'll give Peter's identity *away!!*

Too many people know, Kitty. He's going to get hurt. But if we don't go--

We do.

We have to go to the cops.

Stop it!
I do. I miss the Kingpin.
You sound like a loon.
Captain, with the Kingpin, we knew the rules. We might not have *liked* the rules, but we knew the rules.
But now?
Who can you trust?? Who can you trust??
Captain.
I'll be right back.
He misses the kingpin.
I'm going to go insane.
Hi.
Jeez!!
Sorry. My name's Kitty Pryde.
@#$$!!
Whoa!! Okay, hold on!!
S- stop doing whatever you're doing!!
You're Captain Quaid, right?
Put your hands in the air!!
I'm sorry I startled you. But put it away. It won't work.
I'm a mutant. I used to be an X-Man.
You've heard of me??
K- kind of.
I'm friends with James Howlett. Logan. Wolverine.
Yeah...
He said you were a friend of the M's. He said I could talk to you.
Yeah? So what?
Spider-Man...
I know... The Shocker. We're working on it.
I've got footage.
Of the crime.
But it has to be dealt with subtly.
I don't get it.
Spider-Man has to keep his mask on.
It's important.
No kidding. Bad guy kidnaps the good guy. No demands made. It's been hours. Guy's probably dead.
Sorry.
Can you find him with this?
It'll *help.*
Okay, *you* tell me where he is. *I'll* go in and get him.
No. We will handle it.
No. I will.
You're a kid. *No.*
I can't get hurt.
Jeez!!
I can do it.
Hey, I don't know you. Okay?
Please.
And he's in trouble.
He's- he's a *hero.*
He- he deserves all the-- he deserves--
Let me see the tape.

The way I see it, kid...

AGH!!

You owe me *hundreds* of thousand of dollars.

Not including-- Not including the *months* I've lost in and out of the joint.

Legal bills.

Hey man, *AGH!! You* rob banks.

What did you *think* was going to happen?? *OW!!*

What did you think the outcome was going to *be??*

CHINKLE

CHINK

The outcome?? The outcome is I get what is coming *to me.*

CHINKLE

CHINK

You *got* what was coming to you. That's *my point.*

You don't know. You don't know. I *invented* these.

Yeah, okay. *AGH!!* You *invented* them. So do something *worthwhile* with them.

Help society. Help people who need help!!

CHINKLE

CHINK

You're an *idiot.*

I'm an idiot?? Hey!!

You were *smart enough* to create those, but you're *not* smart enough to come up with *anything* better to do with them than *rob banks??*

Badly, I might add...

SHUT UP!!

CLUNG!!

AGH!!

SHUT UP!!

"Help people."

Who should I help?? Who ever helped *me*??

"Help people."

Only a kid would think that dumb of a thought, I swear to God.

CLINK

CHINKLE

CHINK

I feel bad for you.

What did you say??

CLINK

I am. I used to goof on you.

I thought you were just this idiot I got to pounce on once a week.

I didn't realize you were in this much pain.

I'm sorry.

ZZADATXXDAD

#$%^ you!!

AGGGHH!!

You don't know!!

You have no idea!!

AGGH!!

CLINK
CLINK

You do this to me- **AGH!!** They **will** catch you!! You **know** that, right?

People **saw** you take me. People, the police, **know** who you are.

You want to get caught, right? That's the thing??

Wow. You know **everything.**

Maybe you **want** to get caught and you don't **know** it.

I **want** to get caught?? I **want** to go to jail?? Yeah!!

That's why I studied at MIT 'til my eyes bled. **That's** why I worked at Roxxon all those years and gave them **all** that I had??

Because I was **trying** to go to jail.

You're too young to understand.

For years!! That's where I invented **these.**

And I invented rotating gyro splints that could take out a tank.

I invented compound geno-cycles that could paralyze a man.

Why?

Why does Roxxon have you inventing weapons? They're a pharmaceutical company.

What do they **do** over there?

What??

I'm asking. **Seriously.** What goes on over there??

You worked at Roxxon??

What did they do to you?

Let me be the one that tells you *how it is!!*

In the *big boy* world...when you grow up...

In the *adult* world...

Rich people screw *everyone!!*

And not in a *cliché* way... in a truly mean, nasty, uncaring, inhuman way.

They- they take those who are creative or- or imaginative, who have a vision for the future, and they *steal* from them and then they destroy them.

Why?

Because they *hate* those of *us* who *are* creative. They *need* us and they *hate* us.

They hate us because *we* are that which they *know* they will *never* be.

No matter how much *money*, or how many *babes*, or how many *houses*...

They will *never* have that *feeling*, that *rush*, to have invented something from nothing.

So yeah, a big company like Roxxon hires a guy like me to create for them and then when they get my best work...

Do they reward me? No.

They fire me. They put me out. They put me down. They ruin me.

But what are they doing? Why are they building--

Kid, they RULE THE WORLD!!!

Who do you *think* rules the world??

Kings?? The President?? Nick Fury?

It's corporations. Faceless, power-wielding corporations.

And Roxxon is *one* of them.

And you know what?? The sad truth of it all??

If by some miracle of miracles you got *rid* of Roxxon...

...two more would grow in its place.

So there!!

They took mine...I'm going to take it back.

But you...you're *always* standing in between me and that which I *know* I have earned.

But you're not a faceless corporation, you're a dumb #@#$% kid who *is* ruining my life.

And now I'm going to *do this!!!*

ZAX

AAGH!

And now I *have* to do this!!

I have to *stop* you from stopping me!! I have to stop you from *laughing* at me!!

I have to *kill you for it!! I have to!! I have to do it!*

HUURRAAGGH!!

CRA CK

CLINK

CLINK

FUMPH

Agh!!

SMACK

Hhrraa!!

Don't...

Don't do that.

Come on, man...

I wasn't going to.

You sure?

Agh. Okay...

My head is *killing* me.

Put on your mask, I'm not alone.

How did you find me?

That would be Mary Jane, investigative reporter.

OW!

It kills me to say this but she's an outstanding girlfriend.

So were you.

Whoa...

I gotcha...

FREEZE! POLICE!!

Got a super-villain back there. Money's there. As promised.

I'm taking him home, okay? That was the deal.

Captain?

That *was* the deal.

But--

We can't stop them, so why would you try?

We *got* the bad guy.

Oh, it's *this* guy again...

What a joke.

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